

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 4, 2020

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Bond Oversight Committee met at 6:00 P.M. Present: Anne Kelly, Steve Podvent, Bert Wyatt, Stan Ashbrook, Cynthia Kortge, Keith Mobley, Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, and Michael Glover.

Jack reported Phase 1 of the construction project is complete, which includes a 1 year warranty. The parking lot has a 2 year warranty due to some areas Bremik is concerned about, and they want to see how it holds up through another summer and winter.

Virginia reported \$1,006,791 of Bond revenue remains. The balance owed Bremik is \$455,180 which includes retainage, leaving \$551,611 in the fund. Jack stated Bremik also plans to return \$100,000.00.

The committee discussed using some of the remaining funds to finish the high school and grade school restrooms. The district already owns the fixtures, so only district labor would be required. Also discussed was the addition of a walkway from the blacktop path at the old 5th street entry, along the north side of the football field to the upper sidewalk, and the addition of stairs along the end of the new cement block seating area. Construction of the new bus barn is also planned.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairperson Anne Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Stan Ashbrook, Monica Byers, Cynthia Kortge, and Robert Wallace. Staff present: Jack Henderson and Virginia Albrecht, Guest: Michael Glover.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – April 6, 2020

Cynthia moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Monica seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Financial Report – Virginia reported cash balances for all accounts as of April 30th. General Fund is \$501,881, Special Revenue Funds total \$157,041, Debt Service Fund \$292,411, Building Projects Fund \$1,006,791, JWD Fund \$1,311,407, and the Scholarship Foundation \$1,182,614.

Superintendents/A.D. Report – Jack reported superintendents across the state and locally have been meeting on a regular basis via zoom. What school for students will look like in the fall is unclear, with the potential of part days and students not here all the time. Fall sports probably will not happen. Jack stated Bobby Begay's passing may have a significant effect on the districts relationship with Celilo. Bobby was instrumental in the Petersburg merger with Dufur, and the Native American students attending Dufur School. We are working on ways to honor Bobby, including recognizing his accomplishments in the Celilo Educational Building, in Dufur School, and the establishment of an Endowment Fund for the students at Celilo Village. Chuck Fuller has donated \$10,000 toward the fund for Native Americans. Jack stated the food service program is thriving, feeding 250 or more students breakfast/lunch per day. Funding for schools as a result of the COVID virus is unstable, and many schools are discussing furloughing employees. We are also working on ways to cut expenditures and employees may also be cut. Phase 1 of the construction is complete. Jack recommended using the

remaining bond funds to completing the restrooms, for which we have the fixtures, and construct the bus barn using local contractor. Bremik is working locally and offered to review the work done on these projects for free. Bremik also plans to refund \$100,000 on Phase 1.

Jack reported the Executive OSAA Board had met and agreed upon collective sponsorships, meaning students could practice with The Dalles but would compete as a Dufur athlete with a Dufur coach. He said the Executive Board also agreed that athletic suspensions will no longer go to the Board, but will stop with the decision of the Executive Director. The benefit, for example, is a team files an appeal in the middle of a tournament the Executive Director can make an immediate decision that could affect the outcome of the tournament. The Board also decided that if a team can't make it to the first round of a tournament it is a loss to the team, but they are still able to play the second day. The Board changed the financial split for Endowment Games to 30% to the school and 70% to OSAA Endowment Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

State School Fund – A Proposed Budget for 2020/21 is being prepared based on the February SSF funding projections. ODE, however, is now warning that due to the revenue shortfall at the state level, due to COVID, districts could see 18% cuts to revenue. In addition to the budget being prepared for the budget committee we are also preparing a list to potential cuts.

District Calendar – Monica moved to adopt the 2020/21 district calendar. Stan seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Jack stated adjustments to the calendar will be made as needed. If furlough days are needed they can be spread out over the calendar to impact staff as little as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Celilo Wi-Fi Grant – The district received a Google grant in the amount of \$91,200.00 for the installation of Wi-Fi in Celilo Village and provided Chrome books for the education center as well as the families of Celilo. Robert moved to approve Resolution 19-09, adopting and appropriating the funds. Cynthia seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ODE Continuous Improvement Plan and Personnel Development Grant – ODE awarded these grants during the 2019/20 school year, totaling \$117,009. Cynthia moved to approve Resolution 19-08, adopting and appropriating the funds. Monica seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

High School Success Grant – The district received \$18,109 more in H.S. Success revenue than originally budgeted. Stan moved to increase the H.S. Success budget to a total of \$110,509. Robert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Construction Management – A significant amount of time by the Superintendent and Head Custodian was spent overseeing the construction project. Monica moved to adopt Resolution 19-12, moving \$70,000 of personnel expense from the General Fund to the Building Projects Fund. Cynthia seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

OSCIM Grant – The 19/20 budget assumed the OSCIM funds would be received in a lump sum prior to June 30th, 2019, and we budgeted as beginning fund balance. In reality the funds were received on a reimbursement basis, primarily after July 1, 2019. Stan moved to approve Resolution 19-05 moving the funds to a revenue account and decreasing beginning fund balance. Monica seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dufur School Food Pantry – With the assistance of the Food Bank and Food Pantry has been established at Dufur School to benefit the students, their families, and the community. A staff person was needed to continue the program. Robert moved to approve Resolution 19-10 establishing the Food Pantry as a Community Service account and moving \$6,400 from General Fund Support Service. Stan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Graduation – Jack stated it has become clear a traditional commencement cannot happen this year. Discussions about possible alternatives are being discussed. Board members discussed holding an event outside using the football field and parking lot. Staff is meeting with seniors and their parents for their input. Banners are being prepared and will be hung on the fence. It was also suggested presentation of the scholarships could also be included in the event.

2020/21 District Budget Development – Jack reported the COVID-19 disaster is having a major impact on state revenue, and will likely require a back to basics budget. Districts are being encouraged to develop budgets at the February 2020 estimate for 20/21, which is at the 9 billion dollar level of funding. The SIA money probably won't amount to much to the economic crash. There could be reductions in the High School Success money also. Jack stated the district may be looking at a combination of the following:

1. Significant reduction in the supply budget
2. Reduction of Educational Assistants
3. Freeze the schedule staff increases for 20/21
4. Implementing Furlough days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. The Board returned from Executive Session. Having no additional business the meeting was adjourned.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary